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DATE: November 21, 2021

TO: Commissioners Edwards, Menser and Mejia

FROM: Karen Tvedt, President  
The League of Women Voters of Thurston County

SUBJECT: Please Enact the 1/10<sup>th</sup> of One Percent Sales Tax

Recognizing the urgent need for affordable and supported housing, we strongly urge you to enact the 1/10<sup>th</sup> of one percent sales tax to raise approximately \$4.5 million for housing and services in Thurston County.

Your authorization (as allowed by majority vote under state law) would allow us to more quickly address the housing objectives reflected in the cross-jurisdictional 2019-2024 Thurston Housing Action Plan. While not a panacea, as demonstrated by the soon-to-be-occupied homeless shelter and low-income apartments at 2828 Martin Way, these funds could be the catalyst for projects that include the county as a leader and full partner.

We appreciate your leadership on the tremendously challenging issues with homelessness in our community. Please let us know how we can support your efforts.